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The Hon. Commissioner of Patents
And Trademarks,
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Dear Sir:

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.56

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, the applicant hereby submits the information set out below which the Examiner may consider to be material to the examination of the application.

The undersigned has no specific knowledge of the effective dates for purposes of qualification as prior art of the cited references, copies enclosed. Consequently, the applicant reserves the right to contest the applicability of these references as prior art against the subject application should it be determined that they are not available as prior art.

Two of the listed references (FR 2382297 and JP 09-192791) are in foreign languages and full translations are not available. However, an abstract in English is attached to the front of each reference to provide a statement of relevance.

Respectfully,

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